

Yela-Kela language

Kela (Ikela, Okela), or *Lemba*, and **Yela** are a Bantu language of the Democratic Republic of Congo spoken by several hundred thousand people in the Kasai-Oriental, where the language is called "Kela", and Équateur Province, where it is called "Yela".^[4]

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Kela	
	Yela
Native to	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Region	Kasai (Kela), Équateur Province (Yela)
Native speakers	(180,000 Kela, 33,000 Yela cited 1972 and 1977) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Benue–Congo ▪ Bantoid ▪ Bantu (Zone C) ▪ Bangi–Ntomba (C.30, traditionally C.70 Tetela) ▪ Mongo ▪ Kela
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: kel – Kela yel – Yela
Glottolog	yela1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/yela1238) ^[2]
Guthrie code	c. 74, 75 ^[3]

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